

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 14. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

### CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1           1.       (Currently Amended) A snap ring used in a hard disk drive, the snap ring being  
2 snapped onto an actuator pivot bearing that has an actuator pivot bearing groove and an actuator  
3 pivot bearing flange, comprising:

4           a ring having an interior contour that extends about an opening and has a non-circular  
5 shape including a contacting~~an inner~~ surface that faces the actuator pivot bearing groove, a top  
6 surface and a radial surface that joins said contacting~~inner~~ and top surfaces, said radial surface  
7 having a radius of curvature that is between 40% to 85% of a thickness of said ring so that said  
8 radial surface does not make contact with a point of the actuator pivot bearing flange during an  
9 installation of said ring.

1       Claims 2-13   (Canceled)

1           14.       (Currently Amended) An actuator arm assembly for an information storage  
2 device, comprising:

3           an actuator; and

4           an actuator pivot bearing that has an actuator pivot bearing groove and an actuator pivot  
5 bearing flange; and

6 a snap ring retaining the actuator pivot bearing relative to the actuator, the snap ring  
7 comprising an interior contour extending about an opening and has a non-circular shape  
8 including a contacting~~an inner~~ surface, a top[e] surface and a radial surface that joins said  
9 contacting~~inner~~ and top surfaces, said radial surface having a radius of curvature that is between  
10 40% to 85% of a thickness of said ring so that said radial surface does not make contact with a  
11 point of the actuator pivot bearing flange during an installation of said ring.

1 Claims 15-30 (Canceled)